

Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

THE United States consul at Colon, Isthmus of Panama, cabled, on the 23d, that the strike of laborers in progress there threatened serious trouble.

THE secretary of the treasury has decided that the money paid into the treasury on account of the income tax (\$77,131) shall be refunded upon the filing of claims and action thereon.

FAILURES in the United States during the week ended the 23d, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., were 202, against 249 for the same week last year. In Canada the failures were 27, against 30 last year.

EX-CHIEF JUSTICE DAILY, of New York, is making a series of visits to the law courts of London. He occupied a seat beside Sir Francis Jenne in the divorce court recently, while the Tasler divorce case was in progress.

THE preliminary report of Internal Revenue Commissioner Miller for the year ended June 30, 1895, issued on the 23d, showed that the total receipts from all sources were \$143,245,978, a decrease from the receipts of 1893-4 of \$3,922,472.

A DISPATCH from Pocatello, Idaho, on the 23d, said: The Indian war has broken out in earnest. Bannock Indians have killed a settler, his wife and child in the Snake River valley, and the white men, pursuing, killed six of the redskins.

HON. HOKA SMITH, secretary of the interior, began a brief campaign in the sound-money cause at Gainesville, Ga., on the 23d. He is expected to support the national democratic platform and oppose the populist platform on the financial problem.

At the sitting of the Dominion cabinet, on the 23d, there was considered the draft of a reply to Manitoba on the school question, prepared by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper. It is understood the document has been approved and forwarded to Winnipeg.

On the 24th the postmaster general issued a fraud order against the Columbia Benevolent association of Saginaw, Mich. Upon a report of the postmaster of that city the department declared the concern a bond investment scheme and a lottery.

GEORGE A. HOLZER and Frederick Storms, Chicago policemen, were sentenced, on the 23d, to imprisonment in the penitentiary for four years and two years respectively for aiding and abetting a conspiracy to deprive voters of their rights at West Pullman.

THE cemetery of the Iowa soldiers' home at Marshalltown was entered, on the night of the 23d, by an unknown miscreant, who, with a sledge hammer, defaced and broke off at the ground forty-six marble slabs erected by the government at soldiers' graves.

REPORTS as to the conditions of crops throughout the country and the general influence of weather on growth, cultivation and harvest, made by the directors of the different state weather services, on the 23d, make a very favorable showing for nearly all crops in all sections.

THE provisions of the new Franco-Chinese treaty to regulate the commercial relations between the southern Chinese provinces and the adjoining French territory, grant new trade rights and a reduction of duties, and give to French engineers the first right to exploit mines.

ARTHUR MANIER, of Chicago, took out a warrant, on the 23d, before Justice Richardson for H. H. Holmes, the notorious insurance swindler. The charge is murder, and Manier says he believes his aunt, Mrs. Julia Connors, was killed by Holmes between August 1 and November 1, 1892.

A PRIVATE letter from Havana, on the 26th, confirmed the report of Martinez Campos' defeat at the battle of Valenzuela. Of 1,800 Spanish troops that went into battle, only 300 escaped to Bayamo, where they were surrounded by 6,000 Cubans, under Maceo, Maso, Quintana, Bander and Goulet.

A DISPATCH to the London Times from Tien-Tsin, on the 24th, asserted that Japan's delay in negotiating a commercial treaty with China, and in evacuating Liao Tung territory, has been deliberately planned pending the British parliamentary elections, Japan hoping to influence Lord Salisbury's government to support her against Russia.

The latest sensation in the search for evidence against H. H. Holmes, the insurance swindler and alleged wholesale murderer, was the discovery, on the 25th, in the cellar of his sixty-third and Wallace street building in Chicago, of a furnace that is supposed to have been used by him as a crematory for the safe and speedy consumption of the bodies of his victims.

A CABLE from St. Petersburg, on the 25th, said: The present status of the negotiations between Russia and Japan indicates the prospect of a decision providing for the evacuation of the Liao Tung peninsula in two successive stages. This retrocession will be made step by step as the Chinese government liquidates its indebtedness to Japan in respect of the war indemnity.

In the second race between the Vigilant, the former successful contestant for the America's cup, and the Defender, built for the express purpose of contesting for the honor against the English yacht Valkyrie III, sailed off Sandy Hook, on the 23d, on a triangular 30-mile course, the Defender, the old champion by 9 minutes and 17 seconds, outlasting her on every leg of the course.

The first cotton-spinning factory in China under foreign direction has been started at Shanghai by the great English firm of Jardine & Matheson. The project had been in contemplation since 1893, but could not be consummated in consequence of the refusal of the Chinese government to permit the importation of foreign machinery, which difficulty has now been removed by the treaty of Shimonoseki.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

THE Norwegian steamer Terrier, which arrived at New York, on the 23d, from Demarara, reported that, on the 12th, outside the harbor at Demarara, she collided with the schooner Eagle, and from Barbadoes, and sunk her. Twenty-four persons were saved and five died.

REV. J. D. LEE died at Hennessey, Okla., on the 23d, of old age. He was 91 years old, and for the past twenty-four years had been a missionary among the Cheyenne, Arapahoe and Kiowa Indians, receiving his appointment from the M. E. church. Through his efforts a dangerous outbreak of the Kiowa Indians was averted in 1875.

HON. R. P. CHENEY, president of the American Express Co., died, on the 23d, at his home in Wellesley, Mass., of intermittent fever, aged 58.

A SHANGHAI dispatch, received on the 24th, stated that Japan demands \$38,500,000 additional indemnity as compensation for the retrocession to China of the Liao Tung peninsula.

THE Young Men's Christian association building on New York avenue, near Fourteenth street, Washington city, was destroyed by fire on the 24th; loss \$30,000, fully insured.

SIR WILLIAM VERNON HARCOURT, who was beaten in Derby by the conservative candidate, was elected, on the 23d, from West Monmouthshire by a majority of 5,287. The ex-chancellor was opposed by W. E. Williams, conservative. The vote stood: Harcourt, 7,243; Williams, 1,956. In 1892 the liberal majority in this district was 3,319.

DR. THOMAS N. MCXVY died at Chapman, Kas., on the 23d, as the result of a fall down the office stairs the evening previous. His skull was crushed and back broken. He was a leading democratic politician, and was to have been appointed surgeon of the Leavenworth military prison.

Geo. M. MAYRICK, an attorney living at 2725 Locust street, St. Louis, and who is visiting at Aransas Pass, Tex., holds the record for the biggest catch of a tarpon this year. One day he landed four large fish, measuring 6 feet 3/4 inch, 5 feet 11 1/2 inches, 5 feet 6 inches and 4 feet 6 inches. In the same party were four other gentlemen who landed tarpons measuring more than 6 feet.

THE Ironton (O.) waterworks were burned, on the 24th, from spontaneous combustion. The boiler burst and wrecked the building. The city is left without protection in case of fire, and many industries will be compelled to shut down. Loss over \$100,000.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER BROWNING received a message from Agent Toler at Fort Hall, on the 24th, stating that a very serious condition of affairs existed among the Bannock Indians, and urging that troops be sent to the scene at once.

An official report from Havana, on the 24th, said that Navarro's and Alcala's columns, under command of Gen. Lechambre, comprising 4,000 infantry and 300 cavalry, with three guns, arrived at Nuevitas on July 21.

A CLOUD-BURST swept over the village of Brecon, O., on the night of the 23d, and many buildings were damaged, and a large number of cattle and sheep were drowned. Crops suffered severely in the southern part of the state.

THE American schooner Carrie E. Lane had a thrilling encounter in Cuban waters on July 14, with a Spanish gunboat. Two shots were fired at the schooner's crew narrowly escaped being killed by one of them. The vessel was made to heave to and give an account of herself before being allowed to proceed.

MR. JAMES W. FRENCH, for five years warden of the Northern Indiana penitentiary at Michigan City, has been selected by Attorney-General Harmon as chief clerk of the United States penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kas. Mr. French is well known as a prison reformer.

GOV. RICHARDS of Wyoming received a telegram, on the 25th, from Gen. Stitzer at Market Lake, saying that notwithstanding reports of a sensational nature about the discovery of a mine, there was nothing new in the situation, and no authentic news of further trouble.

SECRETARY LAMONT has issued an order, by direction of the president, transferring to the department of the Platte, all that portion of Nebraska lying between the forty-fourth and forty-ninth parallel and west of the Missouri river.

THE engagement is announced of Miss Pauline Whitney, daughter of ex-Secretary Whitney, to Mr. Almeric H. Paget of St. Paul, Minn. Ex-Secretary Whitney is away on a yachting cruise, and Miss Whitney is sojourning in New England.

On the conclusion of the inquest at Toronto, on the 24th, on the body of Alice Pitzel, a verdict of willful murder was returned against H. H. Holmes.

DR. ALEXANDER MCFARLAN, professor of physics in the University of Texas, has been appointed lecturer in electrical engineering at Lehigh University. Dr. McFarlan's reputation as an investigator in physics is world-wide.

THE government's expenditures on account of the collection of income taxes were \$88,739; taxes collected, \$77,131, which will be refunded.

THE work of the post office inspectors who have been "spotting" the letter carriers in the free delivery offices throughout the country continues to bear fruit. First Assistant Postmaster-General Jones has sent orders to the postmasters at Indianapolis, Toledo and Syracuse, N. Y., to suspend or discharge a number of their carriers on charges of loafing and intemperance.

According to advices brought from Japan by the steamer Empress of India, there were 234 cases and 124 deaths from cholera throughout Japan during the twenty-four hours ending at noon of July 21. This brings the total this year up to 3,358 cases (699 on steamers chartered by the army) and 2,891 deaths.

A RECENT addition to the portrait gallery of the navy department is a rare old oil portrait of Commodore Macdonough, the naval hero who rendered Perry such valuable assistance in his memorable engagements on the lakes in the war of 1812. The portrait is the property of one of the old families of Charleston, S. C.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

A Bad Case.
Afraid she would die of starvation, Mrs. Catherine Mueller, aged 60, of 216 Lafayette avenue, St. Louis, committed suicide.

She was without money and her husband was unable to secure work. This preyed upon her mind so that the family think she became temporarily unbalanced and in that condition took poison.

The dead woman's husband, who is 72 years old, created considerable excitement in the neighborhood when the corpse was removed from the house for the purpose of being dissected, and refused most emphatically to allow the body to be removed, and not for some time could he be persuaded to allow the body to be taken.

Escaped From the Sheriff.
Jerome Johnson, en route to the penitentiary from Caldwell county, escaped by jumping from a train.

The sheriff jumped after the fugitive and was seriously injured, and was taken to Knobloch for treatment. The prisoner was formerly a United States marshal, but killed a man a few years ago and was sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years. He was afterward pardoned by the governor on condition that he leave the state and forever remain away. He failed to do so, and the sheriff was returning him to prison when he escaped.

Unwelcome Visitors.
The other night burglars entered the residence of Dr. S. V. Ayer, on a prominent street in Louisiana, chloroformed the inmates, and the next day, when an inventory of the premises was taken, a new suit of clothes, money, a gold watch and chain, surgical instruments and a gold necklace, the latter owned by a lady visitor, all of the value of about \$450, were found missing.

Cyrus Eversol died at Springfield on the seventy-ninth anniversary of his birth.

He was an inventor of considerable note, and held patents on many improvements in milling machinery. He resided near Cape Girardeau, St. Charles, Booneville and other towns in the state, and for eleven years (prior to the war) was engineer on a steamer plying between St. Louis and New Orleans.

"Thou Shalt Not Kill."
There are twenty-eight people in the St. Louis jail charged with having taken human life.

Some have killed but one, some two, but they are all there, in different degrees of wretchedness. Six of them are women; twenty-two of them are men. Thirteen of them are colored; fifteen of them are white. They are charged with having taken human life in the first degree to manslaughter in the fourth degree.

Boonville Arbitrary Knocked Out.
The board of railroad commissioners decided that the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway has no authority for making an additional charge of 25 cents to passengers, and from 2 cents to 5 cents for 100 pounds for freight for crossing the Boonville bridge over the Missouri river.

Charged With an Awful Crime.
Emmett Divison, colored, who is charged with having outraged and murdered Mrs. J. W. Cain, near Fulton, was arrested and taken to Mexico. Fearing that a lynching party would come from Callaway county, the prisoner was removed from the Mexico jail to another locality.

The Bride Cried.
James W. Richards, aged 70, abiding at Leesburg, Crawford county, and Emma Gilbert, about 25, of Lower Alton, Ill., were married in St. Louis the other day. The bride told a reporter that there was no love in the match, and after the ceremony burst into tears.

Col. Wm. Wilkinson, aged 70, a native of England, commander of the Michigan regiment during the rebellion, and a resident of Holt county for twenty-two years, where he served four terms as mayor of Mound City, died a few days ago.

Will Build.
A railroad from Kennett, Mo., to Reister, Ark., a distance of 12 miles, will be built this summer. Articles of incorporation have been formulated to the secretary of state by a sound company.

Youthful Elopers.
Jesse McDaniel, aged 17, and Gertrude Henn, just 16, eloped from Gazette, Pike county, and were married at Wellsville. The groom resides in Ashtabula county.

George A. Mayberry, an old and highly-respected citizen of Lewis county, died the other day. He was one of the first public school teachers in the county.

Married His Stepdaughter.
John J. Hopson, a well-known business man of St. Louis, aged 37, and Miss Florence McMuray, aged 18, his stepdaughter, were married a few days ago.

Shot in a Row.
William Agen, a farm hand, was shot through the head and instantly killed in a saloon room at Pierce City. Who fired the shot is not definitely known.

Quite a Gobble.
The National Railway Co. of Chicago is said to be negotiating to absorb ten street railway lines in St. Louis, with a capital of \$18,662,000.

A Christian for Many Years.
Mrs. Eliza A. Errett, aged 71, died at Nevada. She had been a member of the Christian church for fifty-five years and an invalid fifteen years.

Robbed the Safe.
During the temporary absence of Secretary Cunningham the safe of the Kansas City Jockey club, at Exposition park, was robbed of \$2,000.

A Pioneer Cracker-Maker.
Joseph E. Garneau, the pioneer of the cracker manufacturing business in St. Louis, died the other day, after an illness of seven months.

Killed with a Pitchfork.
Near Miami, Saline county, Ben Young was struck on the head by Gus Singleton with a pitchfork and died in two hours.

Tunneled Out of Jail.
Three prisoners tunneled out of the old portion of the Pettis county jail the other night. They are regarded as bad men.

Proposed Electric Line.
It is proposed to build an electric line from Lebanon to a connection with the Missouri Pacific at Barnhart, 45 miles.

Well Attended.
The annual summer course in chemistry and physiology in the state university, Columbia, is attended by 300 teachers.

UNCLE JONATHAN'S STORY.

Col. Jonathan L. Belknap, a Relative of Holmes' Wilmette Wife, Gives His Theory of the Disappearance of Mrs. Connor. Which is Sustained by Corroborative Circumstances—He Escaped Holmes' Clutches.

CHICAGO, July 27.—Col. Jonathan L. Belknap, an uncle of the father of the Wilmette wife of Holmes, who resided for many years at Big Foot Prairie, Ill., has made a startling statement to the police regarding the death of Mrs. Julia L. Connor. According to his statement Mrs. Connor was killed by Holmes in the Englewood building, four and a half years ago. He believes she was asphyxiated in her room while she slept. Her room was a small dark one adjoining the dark bath room. Mr. Belknap's theory is that the murderer entered the woman's room by the secret door from the bath-room, and then he had killed her by turning on the gas, carried her body to the bath tub, cut it in pieces and fed the parts to a furnace-like fire in the stove. When the process of cremation was complete, Holmes carried the bones and ashes to the cellar and buried them in quicklime.

Col. Belknap, who served in the Union army, was one of the men whom Holmes tried to victimize. He became acquainted with Holmes through his nephew's relation to him. When Holmes learned that "Uncle" Belknap had a comfortable fortune he tried to swindle him out of it, and did get a loan of \$10,000, which was never repaid. After escaping from Holmes' clutches Mr. Belknap went to reside at Weston's Mills, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., where he is now. The police have letters written by him to friends here, which show that he and his wife spent Christmas with Holmes and Mrs. Connor; that he helped Holmes carry the stove through the secret door into the bath room adjoining Mrs. Connor's room, and that the night Mrs. Connor disappeared, going to Omaha, it was said.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS
Reward Offered for the Return of George Susanka to His Parents.

St. Louis, July 27.—The Globe-Democrat publishes the following in its editorial columns: Six months ago the Globe-Democrat has concluded to increase the reward for the return of George Susanka to his parents so as to make it, in all, \$500. We have on hand \$275.50—\$25 from the father of the missing child, \$50 from Mr. Williamson Bacon and half a dollar from an anonymous contributor. The Globe-Democrat adds \$224.50 to this, to make the total \$500, which will be paid to any person delivering the child to his parents alive. The reward for the recovery of the body of the child, if dead, remains as originally, \$100. We are very sure after thorough inquiry that the child is not dead, and we incline to the theory that he is held through malice or for ransom. The amount of the reward ought to be largely increased by public subscription, and the Globe-Democrat will be glad to record the receipt of such amounts as may be entrusted to it. The case is one which appeals in the strongest way to public sympathy. The boy must be returned to his parents, no matter what the cost.

THE BRITISH REPLY
To Brazil's Note in Regard to Trinidad Couched in Insolent Terms.

New York, July 27.—The Herald's special cable from Buenos Ayres says: Rio Janeiro advices state that the British consulate there is guarded by the police to prevent an attack upon it by citizens whose excitement has been increased by the utterances of the newspapers.

It is claimed that the reply of the British minister to the Brazilian government's note relative to the Trinidad affair was couched in insolent terms. It declares that Trinidad will be held by the British, and that England intends to prevent any nation possessing the island, which she needs for a cable station.

The Brazilian minister of foreign affairs replied that he regarded this note as offensive. He declared that Brazil would never abandon her right to the island.

British Minister Phipps has gone on board the cruiser Retribution.

A Frightful Accident.
PARIS, July 27.—A railroad accident by which twelve persons lost their lives and thirty were more or less seriously injured occurred yesterday near St. Brieuc, department of Cotes du Nord.

A train heavily laden with pilgrims who were returning from the shrine of Sainte Dauray, was in some manner not known thrown off the track and wrecked.

Assistance was speedily sent, and everything possible was done to relieve the suffering of the injured. The dead were taken to St. Brieuc.

Death of an Old-Time Office-Holder.
PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 27.—Hon. Thomas Davis died here yesterday. He was born in Ireland in 1806, was a member of congress from 1833 to 1855, and from that time down to 1889 was at different times a member of the Rhode Island legislature. He was an old-time democrat.

To Investigate the Escape of the Post Office Burglars.
NEW YORK, July 27.—Recorder Goddard yesterday morning charged the grand jury to investigate the escape of the three post office burglars from Ludlow-street jail. It is expected that indictments will be found.

Floated at High Tide.
PARIS, July 27.—The new French turret ship Massena, which went on the rocks at Tourneaux after having been launched at St. Nazaire on Wednesday, was floated at high tide Thursday evening without assistance.

Harvester Works Damaged by Fire.
CHICAGO, July 27.—Fire in the fiber warehouse of the Deering harvester works damaged stock to the extent of \$20,000 and the building \$500. The cause of the fire is not known. N. J. Drum and Fred Cauten, employees of the works, were almost suffocated by smoke, but will experience no permanent injury.

No More Garden-Seed Campaigning.
WASHINGTON, July 27.—Secretary Morton has abolished the seed division of the agricultural department, to take effect on the 1st of October next.

DUN'S COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

The Slight Falling Off from Recent Heavy Business Heavily Incident to the Season—Prices of Irons and Steel Products Still Rise—Better Outlook for Textile Workers—The Financial Situation Undisturbed.

NEW YORK, July 27.—R. G. Dun & Co. in their weekly review of trade, issued to-day, say:

It is not the season for the tide of business to rise, but there is perceived scarcely any shrinkage except that which comes naturally with midsummer heat. Lateness of spring trade throw heavy settlements into the second week of July and clearinghouse payments are now almost \$250,000 smaller than in that week, but are 21.1 larger than last year, and only 6.0 per cent. smaller than in the same week of 1892.

The volume of new business is small compared with recent months, but large enough to encourage more opening of long-closed works and more advance in prices of raw materials.

Important strikes show that the advance is not enough for some, but seem not more threatening than a week ago.

The small shipments of gold count for nothing, and money markets are undisturbed.

Accounts of shrinkage in the yield of wheat come both from Pacific states and the Dakotas. It would be a strange and unnatural July without such reports, and yet they have weight enough this year to lead even the most experienced to reduce somewhat their estimates of yield, while the price has advanced 3 1/2 cents this week. Light western crops—fourth of the week not a third of last year's, and for four weeks only 5,966,063 bushels, against 11,983,619 last year—strengthened adverse reports, because the price a year ago was about 20 cents lower than it is now.

The western movement largely depends on the export demand, which is phenomenally light. Atlantic shipments for the week have been, flour included, only 671,561 bushels, against 2,518,996 last year, and for four weeks only 3,500,589, against 9,865,732 last year.

Corn advanced about a cent with wheat, but has since lost all the gain. Cotton has remained unchanged at 7 cents, although the latest reports favor larger estimates of yield, a circular by Neill going much beyond other figures. It is somewhat significant that the stock markets show entire indifference to crop reports, and the grainers have strongly advanced as if no inquiry had been rumored.

Prices of iron and steel products still rise, the feature this week being the startling advance of 50 cents per keg in cut and wire nails, with new cards for various sizes which, it is stated, make the advance actually greater than it appears. Angles are also shade higher, and other prices strongly maintained. Besser pig does not advance, although the Carnegie and one other company have been buying about 140,000 tons, which is supposed to foreshadow large contracts for rails.

In the first half of 1895 orders for rails were 713,000 tons, against 502,000 in the first half of last year, and a good majority of orders appear at Chicago. Otherwise there is a distinct halting in new demand, though nearly all the iron and steel works are crowded with orders for some time to come.

Textile workers have a better outlook with larger demand, both for cotton and woolen goods, a shade advance in the price of piece cloths and bleached goods, and a more hopeful market for light-weight wools, which, if scarcely advanced beyond last year's prices, are on the whole selling better.

The financial situation is not disturbed by gold shipments, nor by the large excess of treasury expenditures, amounting to about \$2,800,000. Receipts are naturally better in July than in most other months, but expenses are also large. Money scarcely begins to go out for crop moving and the demand for commercial loans is not as large locally as it should be.

Failures for seventeen days of which liabilities of \$6,599,751; of which \$1,993,328 were of manufacturing and \$8,924,881 of trading concerns. A year ago corresponding reports scored \$6,317,696, of which \$3,588,938 were of manufacturing and \$2,483,011 of trading concerns.

Failures for the week were 205 in the United States, against 249 last year, and 27 in Canada, against 99 last year.

SECURED HER DISCHARGE.
A Bloomer Typewriter Gets Foremost Notice to Quit.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 27.—Miss Mary E. Johnson, a typewriter in the employ of a well-known firm of attorneys, appeared Thursday in a suit of bloomers and astride a man's high-gear wheel. She was completing some work in the office previous to her departure on a spin to the lake when the senior member of the law firm entered. He was astonished to find so many of his gentlemen clients present.

He spied the girl with the bloomers and jauntily cap and immediately ordered her to go home and get a new dress. The young lady, who recently came from Chicago, where such dress is common, spent much time in tears yesterday morning, and declared that she will demand satisfaction. Her irate employer says her costume was disgraceful.

Reopening of St. Adelbert's Polish Church at East Buffalo, N. Y.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 27.—St. Adelbert's Polish church at East Buffalo was opened yesterday morning for the first time since May 18. Crowds by the thousands flocked into the edifice and engaged in worship, but it took half a hundred policemen to enable Father Flacok, the obnoxious priest, to return to the church from which he fled, so great was the excitement and indignation of the rebellious parishioners. It is feared that when police protection is withdrawn there will be a riot at the church.

Another Battle in Cuba.
SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 27.—Gen. Salcedo, commanding the troops of the first district, reports that the Spanish force under Col. Tejada has had a battle with a large band of insurgents, under Quintin Bandera, near Canto Anajo, about thirty miles north of here.

The rebels lost fourteen killed and forty wounded and a large quantity of arms, ammunition, provisions, etc., which fell into the hands of the Spanish troops. The government loss was three killed and nine wounded. Among the wounded were two officers.

WITH FORTY LIVES.

Loss of the Elegant Steamer Belle Memphis—Sixty Miles Above Memphis—Impossible to Secure Accurate and Reliable News from the Scene of Disaster for Want of Telegraphic Communication.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 28.—It is rumored here to-night that the large and elegant steamer Belle Memphis, owned by the Anchor Line Co. and running between this city and St. Louis, sank this evening about sixty miles north of this city. Report has it further that forty or more lives were lost. At this hour it appears highly improbable that the rumor can be either confirmed or denied to-night, as every resource has been exhausted.

There is no telegraph line along the river, though a few telephone connections exist. One of these is with Osceola, and another is by way of Dyersburg, but neither of them could be raised to-night. The only possibility lies in the coming of some one from the boat to this city for relief, in the event the accident has occurred, as was done in the case of the steamer Lady Lee, a few weeks ago. The Lee, however, went down only fourteen miles above here.

The Belle Memphis was due here to-night, and reached Cairo, south-bound, at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A feature of the rumor that gives it some force is that which states with accuracy the number of passengers aboard. The list includes a large delegation of Memphians, taking advantage of a cheap excursion rate and making the round trip on the steamer.

OVER ONE HUNDRED KILLED.
Frightful Accident to a Train Carrying Returning Japanese Soldiers.

Kobe, Japan, July 29.—A frightful accident in which 140 soldiers perished has occurred on the railroad running from this place to Osaka. A train of twenty-three cars was conveying to the city 400 Japanese soldiers who were returning from China, where they had taken part in the military operations. A heavy storm was raging and as the train was running along the sea wall, on which the tracks as they approach the city are laid, an immense sea leaped over the wall separating the train and derailing the engine and means cars, which plunged off the wall into the bay. Most of the men in them were drowned like rats in a trap.

The accident occurred about 1 o'clock in the morning and the night was pitch dark. The sea was running so high that it was impossible to render any assistance to the men in the cars that had gone overboard even had means been at hand to do so. Some of the men who managed to get out of the cars while they were in the water, were dashed to death against the wall.

THE NEW INDIAN WAR.
Some of the Natural Difficulties Confronting the Troops Sent to Jackson's Hole.

POCATELLO, Idaho, July 23.—The four troops of the Ninth cavalry arrived at Market Lake yesterday morning and have departed for the scene of the trouble at Jackson's Hole.

The country over which the United States troops will have to operate in this new Indian war is traversed by mountain ranges, seamed with canons and cut by rivers and streams, which plunge through banks along precipitous cliffs. The country abounds in game upon which the Indians can subsist, and there are fastnesses in the mountain ranges, relieved by such peaks as Mount Fremont, 13,000 feet high, which are known only to the Indians, and which will prove well nigh impenetrable.

This difficult country embraces a tract 300 miles east and west and 200 miles north and south, and lies in the eastern part of Idaho and the north-east section of Wyoming, just south of Yellowstone park. It is nowhere penetrated by a railroad, and is the most isolated part of the United States.

TRAIN WRECKER ARRESTED.
A Plausible Story Not Borne Out by the Engineer's Statement.

TYRRE HAUTE, Ind., July 29.—William E. Ruhle, says he is 19 years old and lives at 2336 Archer avenue, Chicago, is under arrest here for placing obstructions on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad near Perryville. He confesses that he thought that by flagging the train and claiming to have discovered the obstruction he would be rewarded, and he was paid by the engineers and got a free ride to Evansville, to which place he was trying to beat his way on a wager.

The engineer says Ruhle did not flag him, but that he discovered the obstruction in time to prevent a serious wreck. The passengers were shaken up and badly scared, and such engaged at Ruhle when he was brought on board the train by a brakeman.

Death of an Appointee of President Lincoln.

CUMBERLAND, Md., July 29.—Henry W. Hoffman, associate judge of the sixth judicial district of Maryland, died at his residence in this city at 5 o'clock yesterday morning in his sixty-third year. He had been feeble for considerable time. He enjoyed the personal esteem of President Lincoln, and was appointed by him collector of the port of Baltimore in 1862.

FROM THE BOOK WORLD.
HENRI ROCHFORT has followed the example of Zola and Jules Claretie and taken to a bicycle.